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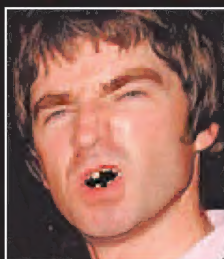
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ROCKER Noel Gallagher had to quit taking drugs when his teeth dropped out. The Oasis star, 39, reveals that he feared he was starting to "look like a weirdo" before kicking the habit eight-and-a-half years ago.

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Oasis Noel: I did drugs until my teeth fell out



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SHOCKER**

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Pals say farewell to hero

A WOUNDED Royal Marine held back tears yesterday at the funeral of Iraq bomb victim Ben Nowak.

Jack Cooper, 19, left hospital determined to pay his last respects to Ben, 27, at Liverpool's Anglican Cathedral.

The men were victims of an attack on their boat near Basra on Remembrance Sunday.

They arrived in Iraq just eight days earlier and the older corporal had said: "Stick with me and I will look after you."

Pte Cooper, from Oldham, Lancs, was joined by hundreds of mourners, including Everton footballer Tim Cahill.

Evertonian Ben, from Speke in Liverpool, had set up a Marine training course for young players at the club.

His cousin Daniel McEvatt told mourners: "He is a hero, he will always be to us our Ben."



We were never far apart.
From all the
LADS in
IRAQ.

MOURNING: Everton footballer Tim Cahill, left, injured Royal Marine Jack Cooper, right. A card from colleagues and top left, bomb victim Ben Nowak

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ONLINE BOOZE CRUISES SUNK

by GARY NICKS
SHOPPERS' hopes of buying cheap booze and cigs from abroad online were torpedoed yesterday.

EU judges ruled they must travel outside the UK to purchase the goods in low-duty countries.

Millions of Brits were hoping for a pre-Christmas bonanza so they could stock up on their computers - until the European Court of Justice's shock ruling.

Judges close web loophole

Massive savings could have been made because countries like Latvia charge just £7.20 for 200 cigs compared with around £55 in the UK.

However, the decision will not stop Brits going on cross-Channel "booze cruises", which already cost the taxman £1 billion in lost duty. Chancellor Gordon Brown

breathed a sign of relief last night as the Treasury stood to lose up to £15 billion a year from cheap internet orders.

Retailers also feared huge losses. Ken Patel, spokesman for the Retailers Against Smuggling and a Leicester shop owner, said: "If the proposals had gone ahead, the livelihoods of many of our corner shopkeepers would have been seriously threatened."

Disease

Deborah Arnott, of the anti-cigarette charity ASH, welcomed the online ban, saying it would have led to an increase in tobacco and alcohol consumption - resulting in more disease and premature death.

The Association of Licensed Multiple Retailers said it would have sparked a Christmas internet bar-

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vote, 89% of readers said junkies

should NOT get free heroin.

LOTTO DAILY PLAY

THURSDAY NOV 23

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No ticket matched all 7 balls for the £30,000 prize

SATURDAY LOTTO

NOVEMBER 18

1 19 20 32 42 46 49

No ticket won the £5.6m jackpot

Dream Number: 2-7-5-3-4-8-4. No £500,000 winners.

T'ball: 5, 12, 14, 15, 28 (T'ball 14). Three £250k winners.

WEDNESDAY LOTTO

NOVEMBER 22

14 15 24 31 45 49 54

One ticket scooped the £2.5m jackpot

Dream Number: 8-3-9-2-5-8-8. No £500,000 winners.

T'ball: 12, 13, 16, 28, 29. (T'ball 9). No £250,000 winners.

EURO MILLIONS

FRIDAY NOV 17

12, 22, 32, 33, 36

Lucky Star

Numbers 2, 6

20 winners (including 7

from UK) share jackpot

and get £6.5m each

Happy Birthday

England cricket legend Ian Botham is 51 today.



Thought for the day...

Money isn't everything, but at least it encourages relatives to stay in touch.

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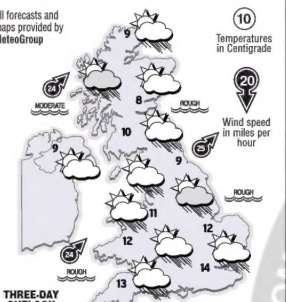
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INFO STATION

TODAY: Heavy showers will sweep northeast across England, Wales and southeast Scotland this morning. Sunny spells with rain in the southwest later in the day. Rain in northern Scotland. Sunny spells elsewhere.

OUTLOOK: Tomorrow, stormy with a risk of gusts in the west and north. Heavy rain will clear northwards to leave showers. The strong winds will ease on Sunday, with sunny spells

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THREE-DAY OUTLOOK

Saturday Showers

Sunday Showers

Monday Showers

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Australia	2.34 dollars
Canada	2.08 dollars
Cyprus	0.81 pounds
Czech Republic	37.94 korunas
Mexico	18.68 pesos
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United States	1.83 dollars

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ABROAD

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Dublin cloudy 9c (48f)

L.A. fair 17c (63f)

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Miami fair 17c (63f)

Moscow half cloudy 0c (32f)

New York sunny 8c (46f)

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NEWSPAPERS SUPPORT RECYCLING

Recycled paper made up 80.3% of the new material for UK newspapers in 2005.

SEXY Sophie's a girl of simple tastes when it comes to her food.

The blue-eyed beauty's never short of offers from chaps keen to take her out to top notch restaurants for a slap-up feed.

But the 23-year-old lass from Southport's favourite meal is sharing a plate of fish 'n chips. That sounds good to us too, Sophie – especially if we can take them back to your place!

Sophie

IT'S TOM CROONS



Wedding song to be hit

TOM Cruise is planning on being *Top Gun* in the music charts by recording *You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin'* with his new wife Katie Holmes.

Crooning Cruise, 44, serenaded his bride, 27, above, with the Righteous Brothers' classic at his wedding last weekend at the Odescalchi Castle in Lake Bracciano, Italy.

And music moguls at the ceremony were stunned that Tom sang so well and received a standing ovation from the celebrity guests.

Romantic

So they have offered the pint-sized actor a mega-bucks deal to record the track as a romantic duet with actress Katie.

Tom is prepared to take them up on the offer on the condition that the money from the single's sales is donated to The Church of Scientology.

But record bosses are reluctant to give all of the single's earnings to the controversial religion, which was founded by

EXCLUSIVE

by CHARLI MORGAN

eccentric sci-fi writer L Ron Hubbard. An insider said: "Tom's got a great voice. And he's loved that song ever since his *Top Gun* character Maverick sang it to woo his love interest Kelly McGillis."

"And Katie proved how talented she is musically when she performed in *The Singing Detective* remake."

"Despite the curious sentiments of the song, it means an awful lot to them both."

"Music chiefs know it would be a massive hit so they don't want to lose all the money to a bizarre religious following."

"And record labels are reluctant to be associated with the strange faith."

"But Tom's adamant. He said the song is a symbol of their love and Scientology is the basis of their companionship."

The couple were criticised for turning their wedding day into a recruitment drive for their religious beliefs – by placing a Scientology adviser on every table.

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Good for Hood

ROBIN Hood is returning to BBC1 for a second series. The show has received mixed reviews and over a million viewers switched off after the first episode.

But the Beeb has recommissioned the Saturday night show and another 13-part series will air next year.

BBC1 controller Peter Fincham said: "Robin Hood's been a hit with family audiences, playing in a tough slot on the most competitive night of the week."

"I'm thrilled that we have a new series to look forward to next year."

Jonas Armstrong, 25, will return as Robin, Keith Allen, 53, as the Sheriff of Nottingham and Lucy Griffiths, 19, as Marian.



RETURNING: Armstrong

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Matt and David's star-studded bash for Comic



HEAVY DUTY:
Chris Moyles
weighs in with
Marjorie Dawes

DAFTTEST SHOW IN BRITAIN



**LARD ACT
TO FOLLOW:**
Matt on stage
as Bubbles
Devere

EXCLUSIVE ■ by MARK JEFFRIES

IT was the craziest night ever on a London stage – and soon you'll be able to enjoy the fun too on a blockbuster DVD.

Little Britain's Matt Lucas, 32, and David Walliams, 35, invited a host of pals to help raise cash for Comic Relief.

It was such a huge success that talks are taking place to have it released in the shops. And it's likely to be the fastest-selling DVD ever.

Kate Moss, 32, dressed as Vicky Pollard's "total slag" twin sister Katie and Randy Russell Brand, 31, appeared as a plumber who loves wearing female lingerie.

Jonathan Ross, 45, was covered in sick by racist pensioner Maggie.

Matt and David even managed to get the real Dennis Waterman, 58, on stage to sing the theme tune to the TV favourite Minder.

Radio 1 DJ Chris Moyles, 32, was persuaded to attend Fat Fighters. And X Factor presenter Kate Thornton, 33, hosted a Stars In Their Eyes special.

Afterwards, Walliams showed he hasn't lost his touch with the laydees by cuddling up to Kate Moss and Patsy Kensit, 38, an ex-girlfriend who also appeared in the show as a hairy-underarm student.

Telly cameras were at the bash at Hammer-smith Apollo and highlights will be broadcast on Red Nose Day 2007 on Friday March 16.

Desperate

But charity bosses want to release the show as a DVD with behind-the-scenes footage and interviews with some of the special guests.

A source said: "It was such a fantastic show that millions of people will be desperate to tune in on Comic Relief night."

"But it's unlikely they will be able to screen the whole show because there is so much footage and some of the sketches are quite near the mark."

A Comic Relief spokesman said: "Little Britain fans who didn't have the chance to watch the exclusive gala performance can enjoy excerpts as part of the BBC1 Red Nose Day and snap up a DVD of the show, also available in March."

"Proceeds from Little Britain's Big Night show and sales of the DVD will go to Comic Relief and helping poor and vulnerable people in the UK and Africa."

It will be the second DVD Matt and David have released for Comic Relief.

The first, featuring guest appearances by Robbie Williams, 32, and Sir Elton John, 59, raised more than £1 million for charity and was the fastest-selling DVD ever at HMV.

And when Walliams swam the Channel earlier this year he raised £1m for Sport Relief.

● For more information about the charity and events, go to www.rednoseday.com

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EH EH EH:
Walliams as
crazy Anne

KISS ME KATE:
Moss gets close
to David, below



Relief tipped to be the fastest-selling DVD ever

RUSS GETS SUSSED: Randy Russell Brand wears women's undies as he takes a bow with Kate Thornton, left, and Patsy Kensit



POTTY: Ting Tong visits Dudley in hospital



YEAH BUT: Kate Moss as Vicky Pollard's twin sister Katie



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CHUNDERFUL: Maggie throws up over chat show host Ross, inset

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"Whoa...what a night. What did you say your name was again?"

What women really want: AN EXTRA 2 INCHES

..and fellas can't help out

FORGET big boobs and perky bums – women really want to show more leg.

Brit girls dream of having the long legs of actress Cameron Diaz and Big Brother's Kate Lawler, and would love their legs to be at least two inches longer.

Women in the UK are on average 5ft 4in tall, which means the average outside leg length is 37.6in.

Dreaming

But almost a third of women want longer legs, with 57% opting to have an extra two inches, 38% dreaming of four inches and an ambitious 5% dreaming of growing five inches or more.

Charlie's Angels star Cameron, 34, who dates 25-year-old pop hunk Justin Timberlake, and super-fit Kate are widely regarded as having the best legs in the business.

Over the summer, Kate, 26, was even the face of a contest to find Britain's Best Legs.

■ by NADINE LINGE

But figure-conscious Brit females also fancy changing other body bits with 22% saying they would love bigger boobs.

Proving that women are never happy with their looks a buxom 9% said they want smaller breasts.

The survey for drinks firm Lambrini also found 19% of babes wanted slimmer thighs and 14% would alter their nose.

Just 12% of British women are perfectly happy with their face and figure and would not change a thing.

Leeds lasses are most desperate for a leg-up – a whopping 53% want longer pins. But only 13% of satisfied Swansea girls would plump for lengthier pins.

That is also the region where women are happiest with their curves – a whopping 52% would not change a thing about their appearance.

Mancunian girls are the ones who most want to boost their boobs, with a quarter wishing for a larger chest.

They are also the ladies least happy with their looks – not a single Manchester babe quizzed said they would not change a thing.

A third of London lasses are pleased with their bods, though 22% want longer legs and 13% want to be curvier.

Brummie babes are unhappy with their legs – 36% want more length – while 18% dream of bigger breasts.

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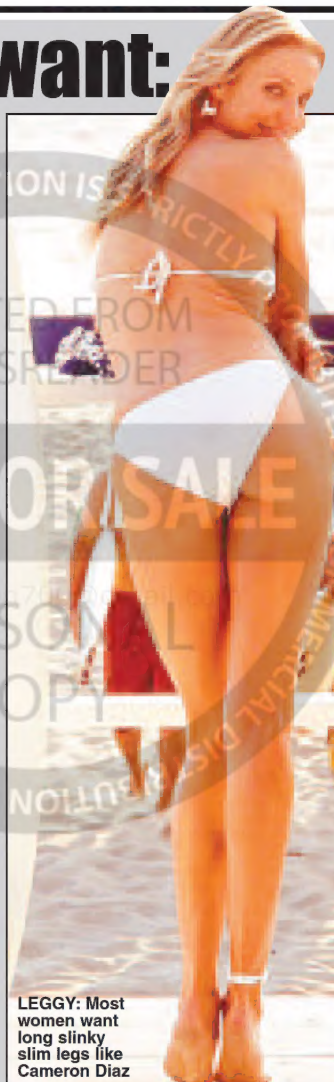
Most Scots women want to change their bodies but Swansea females are generally content with their figures.

But around a quarter of Cardiff women would like longer legs and bigger boobs.

Geraldine Marks, spokeswoman for Lambrini, said: "Flaunting your pins to perfection has more to do with how you show them off."

"Women with truly great-looking legs know the trick to being sex on legs – we don our favourite pair of sparkly tights, put on the highest heels we own and flash our biggest smile."

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LEGGY: Most women want long slinky slim legs like Cameron Diaz

DAILY STAR says Booze ban is net fair

BRITISH shoppers have been dealt a blow.

Euro judges have refused to lift a ridiculous ban that prevents us buying cheap booze and cigarettes online or over the phone from other countries.

The restriction stops consumers from making huge savings by avoiding the UK's punitive excise duties.

Chancellor Gordon Brown will be pleased. He would have lost billions in revenues had the judges ruled the other way.

We imagine Scrooge will have celebrated with a whisky – £15 a bottle in Scotland where it's made, but only £10 if it was bought mail order from Latvia.

Mr Brown shouldn't get too merry, though, because the battle continues.

EU chiefs plan to bring in legislation that would overrule the judges.

It's not often we act as cheerleaders for the Eurocrats, but we do so on this occasion.

Give Mr Brown a bloody nose!

Give them the bullet

TONY BLAIR promised to provide our troops in Afghanistan with the best possible equipment.

But yesterday the Defence Ministry admitted supplying them with defective ammunition.

They were given 50p bullets made in Pakistan and the Czech Republic instead of £1 rounds from the usual manufacturers.

The result was that the lives of British soldiers were put at risk in clashes with the Taliban.

Machine guns and other weapons jammed during ferocious firefights.

One platoon was so angry they refused to go on patrol until given the proper tools for the job.

Other soldiers have suffered the humiliation of begging ammo from their American and Canadian colleagues.

It is beyond belief that our troops were treated like this.

The Defence Ministry penpusher who ordered these dodgy bullets to scrimp on costs should be sacked.

And "commander-in-chief" Blair should go with him.

Woe-men!

WOMEN say they want longer legs, larger breasts, thinner thighs and different noses.

Other than that, everything's perfect!

FOOTIE ACE BELLAMY THROTTLED ME..AND SAID I WAS FAT SLAG

FOOTBALLER Craig Bellamy grabbed a girl by the throat and branded her a "fat slag" after she bumped into him, a court heard yesterday.

■ by GARY NICKS

The Liverpool and Welsh international went on trial accused of assaulting Sophie Palmer and her friend Holly Smith, both 20.

He allegedly went into a rage when the pair collided with him in a corridor near the VIP section of a trendy nightclub.

Mike Hammett, prosecuting, told magistrates that "words were exchanged" before the striker grabbed Miss Smith by the wrist and called her a "c***".

He said the girls walked away but Bellamy, 27, lunged at Miss Palmer after calling her a "fat slag" and pinned her against a wall by the throat.

Bellamy allegedly squeezed her neck hard enough to cause bruising and recent scars from a breast enhancement operation to open up and start bleeding.

The £50,000-a-week star's pal and minder Franklyn Lynch - a martial arts expert - then allegedly grabbed Miss Palmer in a bear hug when she tried to get help from doormen.

Both women complained to police and claimed trouble flared when Bellamy eyed them up in the No 10 club in Cardiff.

The court was told when Miss Palmer asked him what he was looking at, he replied to her: "If I was looking at anyone it would be those two behind you because they are far prettier."

Miss Smith allegedly slapped him, so he later made his own assault complaint to police. Giving evidence at Cardiff Magistrates' Court yesterday, Miss Palmer said: "I began to walk through the gap and Craig Bellamy was walking in the other direction and he bumped into me. He was quite aggressive, he was just swaggering around."

"I turned around and said to him: 'Excuse me, why couldn't you wait in that gap there?'"

"He said to me: 'You're too f***ing fat to get past me you fat slag.' He was very aggressive and very arrogant." She

claimed she shrugged off his response and kept walking, but she looked back and saw him "having words" with Miss Smith.

And she alleged Bellamy attacked her when she went to intervene.

She told the court: "I saw my friend Holly talking to Bellamy then Bellamy grabbed me by the neck and held me against the toilet door."

Strangled

"He was holding me around the neck and squeezing."

Miss Palmer said she could hear people shouting: "Get him off her" before they were separated.

She said she told doormen she had been attacked and pointed the player out saying: "That's the guy who just strangled me."

That prompted Lynch to go for Miss Palmer and force her out of the VIP section by the neck, the court heard.

Miss Palmer said: "He was repeating: 'Get her the f*** out,' and he still had hold of me."

She said the bouncers were telling Lynch to calm down and that he eventually let her go after frog-marching her out.

Bellamy's solicitor John Charles Rees QC suggested the girls thought they could cash in on Bellamy's celebrity status.

He said she had tried to contact the footballer through a third party to say she would drop charges if he apologised.

She denied asking for anything other than an apology and said: "If you held up a picture of the Welsh squad I couldn't tell you who they were."

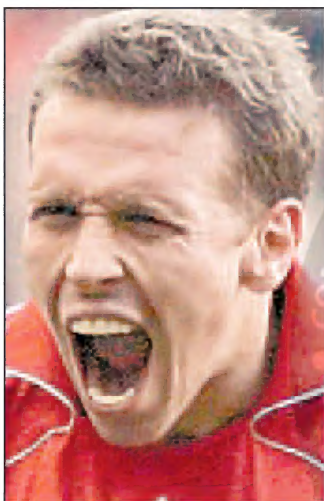
Mr Charles Rees also suggested that she knew Lynch because he was a popular figure on the Cardiff nightclub scene and she used to be a barmaid at No 10.

He asked her: "Do you have a thing about celebrities being in the club? You know what I mean, don't you?"

Bellamy, of Cardiff, and Lynch, 52, of Barry, south Wales, deny assault following the alleged bust-up at 2am on February 5 this year.

The trial continues.

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NOT GUILTY PLEA: Craig Bellamy



ACCUSED: Bellamy leaving court in Cardiff yesterday

Picture: HUW EVANS



PLEDGE: Tony Blair

Army's ammo howler

■ by JAMES WATSON

THE Ministry of Defence has admitted supplying defective ammunition to soldiers in Afghanistan.

A platoon of Paras refused to go on patrol until the problem was resolved. And the MoD has now confirmed British troops were forced to borrow ammo off American and Canadian soldiers.

It comes after Tony Blair, on a visit to troops in Afghanistan last week, promised to provide them with the best equipment.

Cheaper

The dodgy batch for the .50 calibre machine gun is believed to have come from the Czech Republic or Pakistan, where prices are much cheaper.

A Para showed how poor the rounds were in a video on the YouTube website.

An MoD spokeswoman said: "There was a single, defective batch. Some ammunition was borrowed from the Americans and Canadians for the short time it took to replace."

● A curfew was imposed in Baghdad last night after Sunni suicide bombers killed more than 150.

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Dog girl on mend

A GIRL of three who was nearly mauled to death by her grandparents' Doberman, was moved out of intensive care yesterday.

Hope Dew's condition is improving steadily. A police spokesman said: "Her family are encouraged by her progress."

Hope was playing in her grandparents' garden in the village of Claverdon, Warwickshire, on Wednesday when the dog clamped her head in its teeth and flung her around.

She is being treated in Birmingham Children's Hospital. The dog has been destroyed.

BABE RATE FALLS

THE teenage pregnancy rate in England has fallen by 3% since the 1999 launch of a strategy to halve it by 2010.

'He was aggressive and very arrogant,'

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STAR**OFFICIAL** paper**BUGOMETER****MYLEENE**

She could show the others a clean pair of heels thanks to her sexy show-ers. Go girl!

**JASON**

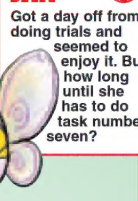
The one bloke the rest of the lads in camp look up to. Getting on well with most of 'em - and everybody needs good neighbours.

**FAITH**

Finally the woman speaks! Good bitching session with Phina should help win her fans. Now stir the pot some more!

**JAN**

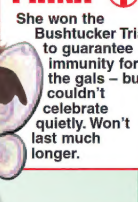
Got a day off from doing trials and seemed to enjoy it. But how long until she has to do task number seven?

**DAVID**

He produced his worst musical ever in the jungle - but then he didn't have a lot to work with. Could exit stage right soon himself.

**PHINA**

She won the Bushtucker Trial to guarantee immunity for the gals - but couldn't celebrate quietly. Won't last much longer.

**MATT**

Has become best pals with Jason and David - the most unlikely trio ever. Perhaps they can form a band called the good, the bad and the ugly.

**MALANDRA**

Loved joining in the musical - even if she isn't the best singer in the world. At least she opened her trap.

**DEAN**

He used to play a loser on EastEnders and now his real life is similar. Certainly not a Well' Ard camper.

**LAUREN**

Told the other girls she is worried about her weight but could do with being more of a heavyweight when it comes to discussions.

**TOBY**

He doesn't like the girls being back in camp and his chirpiness is starting to grate. Get this DJ off the airwaves.

**SCOTT**

Lost the head-to-head trial and could pay the price. It hasn't been model behaviour from the designer.



Illustration:
SCOTT
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SCREAMING: Leeming

'Wuss' gang's hours of hell

THE latest jungle gang are the worst "whingeing Poms" in the four-year history of the show.

They gave producers hell yesterday in a series of diva strops, tantrums and complaints.

And even programme medic Dr Bob Carron was shocked. He said last night: "This group is the worst ever. They're a bunch of wusses."

Temper flared to match the jungle temperature of 35C. David Gest, Phina Oruche, 31, Mylene Klass, 28, Jan Leeming, 64, and Faith Brown, 62, all began to overheat.

Phina kicked up a stink when she won the Bushtucker Trial only to discover that she and the Snake Rock girls would have to share the food.

David refused to do the Celebrity Chest because he was "too tired" but then started rehearsing a duff concert routine. Asked



BROWNE OFF: Faith

to film a piece urging viewers to save him from eviction, he threw a wobbler and told fans to vote for someone else.

Camp Scott Henshall stamped like a spoiled brat when picked to do another Bushtucker Trial.

Malandra Burrows, 40, and Lauren Booth, 39, raged at not getting enough sun screen.

A show source said: "Outside the jungle, these so-called stars are used to clicking their fingers and getting their own way."

"A lot of them - like Jan - thought this would be a picnic, that the trials would be easy and that they'd be sneaked pizzas if they got hungry."

"Now they've got to get off their big bums and do something to get food and treats, they don't like it and they've been rubbish at everything."

"These guys would freak at an ant!"

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TOBY...OR NOT TOBY FOR THE BOOT

TV bosses pull cruel vote trick

■ from PETER DYKE in Oz
VIEWERS were left gasping last night as TV chiefs pulled an eviction vote shocker which set DJ Toby Anstis against actor Dean Gaffney.

The loser was the first out of the jungle after the blokes flunked the battle of the sexes trial.

In a show first, bosses told the other men they were safe, then made Toby and Dean wait an agonising hour to discover if a special head-to-head phone vote had kicked them out.

David, Matt, Jason and Scott were all safe at least for another day. Amazingly, camp fashion designer Scott Henshall, 31, was still in the contest despite fluffing his task and arguing with Phina.

He survived after he kissed and made up with the Scouse Footballers' Wives actress who bit and scratched him in a Celebrity Chest bust-up.

He whined: "I really don't want to be the first out." Last night hosts Ant and Dec told him: "It's not you."

Swamp

The lads lost to the girls in a vital challenge when wimpy Scott failed in a Bushbucker Trial against Phina Oruche.

That left the boys at the mercy of TV viewers. Bookies Betfair had 35-year-old Toby Anstis at 6-1 or Matt Willis, 23, priced at 9-1 for the chop.

Scott and Footie Wives babe Phina Oruche, 31, had gone head-to-head earlier in the day in a gruelling trial called What Lurks Beneath.

Hosts Ant and Dec, both 31, revealed that whoever won it landed a very special prize. The victor would win immunity for their whole "tribe" in last night's first eviction.

Both had to dive into a swamp full of crocs, eels and snakes and retrieve as many gold stars as possible. Phina grabbed the most. Her six stars meant the girls were spared from eviction. The lads were left pleading with fans to be kept in. And David Gest, 53, asked viewers to get him OUT.

He said: "The greatest thing to me would be for you to give your votes to Matt and Jason."

"I've had a great time here and I have enjoyed it and I feel that they deserve to win and be King of the Jungle."

He said of the eviction: "I'm kind of hoping it's me because I can take it. I can go out and hold my head high and know that I did my best on this show."

He added: "Everyone has seen me with no hair stuff and this is who I am. Everyone has learned something and if not then you are an idiot."

David added: You can't do this show putting on an act."

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SHOCK: DJ Toby Anstis was put in a spin by twist



ROCKED: EastEnders Dean Gaffney had nervous wait

Jungle Grapevine...Jungle Grapevine

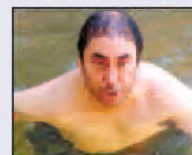
■ PHINA apologised for biting Scott, who said: "I don't expect to be bitten on a game show."

back of the class as a kid because when I stood up I cleaned the blackboard."

■ SAUCY Phina said if cameras were not on the girls 24/7 she'd "be naked in a shot".

■ MYLEENE enjoys David's tall stories and wanted "to live in his head for a day".

■ DOPEY Scott burned his socks on the camp fire.



HEAD CASE: David Gest

■ JASON'S growing a beard. Faith said he looks "very sexy".

■ FAITH got rid of some peacock feathers because they bring bad luck.

■ FAITH joked: "I was moved to the

■ MYLEENE agreed: "I was given a cloak made of them and fell over in front of the Queen."



Shower power!

■ SEXY Myleene Klass has a saucy secret plan to win votes - she's taking a record number of showers to get male viewers all hot and bothered.

■ The singer has had 40 soapy washes in the specially-built waterfall in just 12 days. That's far more than any other celebrity. But an insider said: "Who can blame her? She has the best bod in there."

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FOOTBALL is a wonderful game but footballers can be such prima donnas, according to the Queen.

The 80-year-old chatted to Premier League chairman Sir David Richards as she bestowed his knighthood at Buckingham Palace.

Sir David, 63, revealed: "She said to me: 'Aren't they prima donnas? But it's a wonderful game.' I said: 'Yes Ma'am, some of them are.'"



FAN: The Queen

Cop's fast food

HUNGRY traffic policeman Stephen Akrill walked free from court after speeding in his marked Land Rover on the way to pick up a Chinese takeaway. He was zapped doing 48mph in a 40mph zone as he went to collect a dish of sweet and sour pork.

But Pc Akrill, 41, was cleared of speeding by Rotherham magistrates after claiming he had set off to attend a crash and so could lawfully ignore speed signs. He said he only diverted to the takeaway when he was hungry he was no longer needed at the crash scene at Wickersley, South Yorks.



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BA hit by crossfire

JACK STRAW last night hit out at British Airways for banning staff from openly wearing the cross.

As pressure mounted in Parliament for BA to retreat, Mr Straw said: "I find the ban on wearing a cross or indeed a Star of David in equivalent circumstances, as I say, wholly inexplicable."

More than 100 MPs from all parties have signed motions condemning BA for banning check-in worker Nadia Eweida, 55, from wearing her crucifix.

BA also came under attack from a civil liberties group after she lost an appeal against the decision.

CARLTON CASH BUST-UP

THE ex-wife of former England footballer Carlton Palmer is threatening further legal action to force him to repay £110,000 she lent him.

A judge has already ordered Palmer, 40, to cough up the cash, which he used to set up a property empire in Spain.

Ex-wife Jenny, 44, said: "I want my money back because it is for our children's future." Palmer said: "I've a problem with the amount owed."



ORDER: Palmer

24-hour thumbs-up

ABOUT 3,000 licensed premises can sell booze at all hours, but the year-old law has not created a 24-hour drinking culture, the Government insisted yesterday.

Licensing Minister Shaun Woodward said the shake-up was having a "positive impact".

Four out of five premises close by 1am. A fifth of pubs, bars and clubs close by 11pm and half shut by midnight. Pubs, bars and clubs make up just 20% of the total number of premises with 24-hour licences.

Supermarkets make up 25% and convenience stores another 20%. The remaining 35% covers hotels.

Cricket fans stay up all night to watch Ashes battle



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MIDNIGHT OPENERS: Lads are full of hope 'n' beers



3.00am BOWLED OVER: It's hard on Barmy Army

WELCOME TO THE 2ND DAZE PLAY



STUMPED: Fans nod off at the close of play

BLEARY-EYED Brits are spending another day kipping on the job after a second all-nighter watching the Ashes action.

Hundreds of thousands of cricket fans stayed up last night to follow Freddie Flintoff's men attempting to fight back against the rampant Aussies.

The drama unfolded between midnight and 7am, meaning no sleep for die-hard fans. It was a repeat of the previous night, when sports bars were packed solid as revellers kept up with the Aussies' onslaught.

Then, 1,200 Barmy Army members and Aussie Fanatics were at the central London's Sports Cafe to watch the game.

Patio

Fan John Hale, 34, from Chiswick, west London, packed a clean shirt and tie to head straight back to work at the close of play.

He said: "I'm going to have a fry-up here and then go to work for a delivery at 8am."

Nick Barber, 28, from Belsize Park, north London, said: "If the missus had not wanted a new patio I'd be

■ by TOM SAVAGE

over in Brisbane now." Aussie Dave Middleton, 27, from Queensland's Gold Coast, said: "I'm off to work at stumps, then I'll be home for a bit of sleep and back here tonight."

Meanwhile at The Gabba in Brisbane, where the action unfolded, the Barmy Army remained in good voice - outlasting the local support once more.

One of 5,000 England fans, Roy Nolan, 42, from Walsall, said: "It's been quiet. Aussies don't know how to enjoy cricket."

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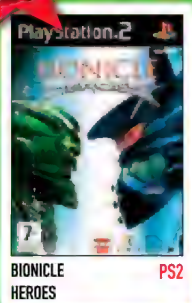


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SWAN FAKES:
Simon and the
judges in tutus

SI TUTU SEXY FOR HIS SKIRT



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He raises a ballet laugh

by ELIZABETH JAMES

SIMON COWELL raised a laugh by doing a turn in a tutu - high-waisted of course - at a special performance of musical *Billy Elliot*.

X Factor judge Simon, 47, better known for sky-high trousers, donned the ballet skirt with colleagues Sharon Osbourne, 54, and Louis Walsh, 54, for a charity gala night to celebrate the millionth ticket sale for the show.

Sir Elton John (real name Reg Dwight) even had a cameo role - he played a man in a flat cap, hidden behind a newspaper by the piano, who Billy turns to and asks: "So what do you reckon Reg?" Elton, 59, lowered the paper to utter a line but was drowned out by cheers from the audience. Elton wrote the musical score for the show, directed by Stephen Daldry.

The TV judges took time out from mentoring their protégés to appear as Royal Ballet judges for the gala performance at London's Victoria Palace Theatre. During a scene where Billy auditions for a place at the school, Sharon asked if he could stand on the X and Simon replied: "That's a no for me."

All three donned the tutus for a curtain call at the end of the musical, starring Liam Mower - back for one night to play Billy.

He was the original Billy when it opened in 2005.

Charity

Elton said: "Billy Elliot has a special place in my heart. I am so proud of being one cog in the wheel which is this very special show."

The original film was shot in Easington and set during the 1984 miners' strike.

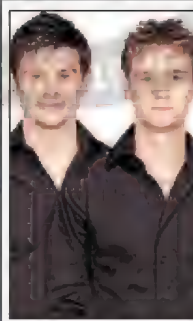
Proceeds from the gala show will go to the Easington branch of primary school children's charity The Place2Be in County Durham.

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PIANO
MAN: Sir
Elton gives
Sharon
a hug

Picture: DAVE BENNETT



FUN: The MacDonalds

MacDonalds duck it

X-FACTOR Scots the MacDonald brothers have revealed they don't want to win the TV show.

The Ayrshire duo, Craig and Brian told dad Jim they would prefer to land second or third.

Jim, 59, of Alloway, said Craig, 21, and Brian, 20, want to copy the success of Scots crooner Darius and have successful careers when the show ends.

Hospital porter Jim, said his sons have never said they wanted to win the talent show and entered for fun. He said:

"They are really grateful for the opportunity, but the people that have won don't seem to have had much of a career afterwards."

"It's the ones who don't win who do well - like Darius. That's what Craig and Brian want."

Punters money is pouring onto the MacDonalds to win. Their odds have been cut to 16-1. Leona is 1-2 to win. Ben 2-1, Eton Road 11-1, Ray 40-1. Odds for the boot: Ray evens, MacDonalds 6-4, Eton Road 7-2, Ben 33-1 and Leona 50-1.

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Family of forgers almost bring down Bank of England

KING FOR SALE FLOODS



TECHNOLOGY: One of the confiscated machines, which was used to insert foil strips in the counterfeit notes, left

by JAMES WICKHAM

A FAMILY of master forgers flooded Britain with so many fake £20 notes the banking system nearly collapsed.

Detectives reckon the gang could have run off up to £25million a year on printing machines which were supposed to make Christmas cards.

In 2005 alone, the Bank of England recovered more than £14 million-worth of £20 notes made by the gang.

Police found a further £450,000 in a caravan and £22,000 in sheltered housing where an 85-year-old great grandmother of the crime family lived. Millions more are still in circulation.

Yesterday, riot police had to be called into court as nine members of the 11-strong gang were sentenced to over 41 years in prison.

Supporters of the forgers screamed death threats at court officials and police and hurled objects at them.

Gang "mum" Tracy Byard, 41, collapsed in the dock and members of her family tried to force open the door of the secure court to help her.

Riot police split up the crowd, got the public and officials out of a side door and called for an ambulance.

Dodgy

Earlier the court had heard how two thirds of all the dodgy £20 notes circulating in 2005 were produced by the "family business" in "the largest counterfeiting case ever".

The gang ranged in age from 23 to 71 years old and operated from workshops in east London and Essex.

The court heard that the notes were produced in three stages. The first involved the printing, then adding silver security foil and finally finishing the note off with a laser in a labour intensive scam.

Tim Cray, prosecuting, told Snaresbrook Crown Court: "This conspiracy was regarded as a threat of the highest order to the banking system."

"It also involved the production of counterfeit notes on an industrial scale."

Terrence Reife, 55, of Cheshunt, Herts, Londoners Anthony Williams, 50, of Hoxton, Keely Williams, 30, of Hoxton, James Brook, 64, of Dalston, and Paul Kemble, 42, of Islington all admitted conspiracy to produce fake sterling and Euro notes. Gerald Byard, 63, of Hockley, Essex, admitted conspiracy to produce bogus sterling notes.

Patrick Wingrove, 71, of Shoreditch admitted possession of counterfeit Euros and sterling. Tracy Byard, 23, of East Ham, Leigh-Nicole Byard of Benfleet, Essex, and Terrence Jackson, 53, of Rochford, Essex, were all convicted of conspiracy to make counterfeit notes.

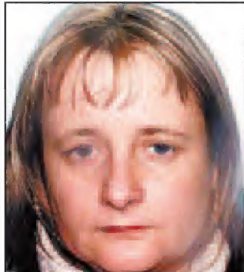
Michael Liddiard, 59, of Shoreditch, was convicted of conspiracy to make counterfeit 50 Euro notes. Liddiard and Keely Williams will be sentenced later.

Mr Cray added: "Only the counterfeiters know how many fake bank notes they have put into circulation."

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CROOK: Patrick Wingrove



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IN London: Sir Ian McKellen switching his table at The Ivy, Courtney Love at Gatwick South and Helena Bonham Carter in Budgen's grocery store, Belsize Park. In Manchester, Bez from the Happy Mondays chatting to lots of people in the bar area of the Malmaison Hotel and Jennifer Ellison dancing with pals at Twisted Elegance.

FANS are paying £1,500 a ticket to see Michael Jackson at a Christmas party in Tokyo.

The 48-year-old weird one won't even perform at the bash on December 19.

But for a few more bob he has said he will "meet and greet" top-paying "platinum" ticket holders.

Crikey Mikey - seems he's really scraping the barrel.

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BIG-MOUTH ROB'S LONELY XMAS



Aisleyne has last laugh on Jay

WE can always rely on Jay Kay to liven up a night and that's exactly what he did at his album launch party at London's M'vida nightclub. The 36-year-old's eyes lit up when he clocked Big Brother 7's sex bomb Aisleyne Horgan-Wallace. Fast forward an hour and Jamiroquai lothario Jay thought

he'd have a bit of fun with her. An onlooker said: "Jay was delighted when he saw Aisleyne there and was messing around with her at one point."

"But she wasn't aware he was tucking the back of her top into her hotpants and she walked around like that for ages."

Something tells us Aisleyne wouldn't have minded too much. And, in any case, it seems she had got her revenge by the time she headed home.

The 27-year-old was all smiles as she left the venue. Former wildman Jay Kay seemed completely the opposite.



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Kylie withdraws her festive invite

ROBBIE Williams Should Be So Lucky if he thinks he's spending the festive period with Kylie after admitting wanting to unwrap her for Christmas.

The pocket-sized Aussie, 38, invited the Robster, 32, to join the Minogue clan for a spot of turkey, after hearing he would be on his lonesome Down Under.

But naughty Robbie, right, will have to pull another cracker.

The pop princess, below right, has now politely withdrawn the invitation.

And that's because her fella **Oliver Martinez**, 40, is royally miffed with Robbie for admitting he is desperate to get into Kylie's Christmas stockings.

Randy Robbie, who recorded the hit Kids with Kylie in 2000, said: "I've fancied Kylie ever since she was on Neighbours. And that was way back in the Eighties."

"But as a singer, I fancy her even more."

"But she's got that Olivier Martinez guy. I won't get a look in unless she ditches him."

"He's French and he's good-look-

ing. Isn't life a bitch?" So it looks like poor Rob will be lonely this Christmas.

His Close Encounters tour ends in Melbourne on December 18, so he's staying in Oz over Crimbo.

Our man with the mistletoe explained: "Kylie and Robbie are best friends. And she hated the idea of him being alone over Christmas, when she lives so close."

"So she asked him to come to her family home for the day."

Cutie

"But now she's told Robbie that Olivier might feel a little awkward in his presence."

"So Rob has agreed to find another Sheila to spend Christmas with."

But the nicely-bottomed Australian cutie still adores Robbie.

And she has agreed to join him on stage for a duet of their hit single Kids during his final show.

She's able to appear because her rescheduled Showgirl tour finishes in Melbourne the day before his does.

Robbie said: "We'll have a great time Down Under."

But not quite the Down Under you were hoping for, eh Rob?



HAVE YOU GOT SOME JUICY GOSSIP FOR US?



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HUSH HUSH

WHICH well-known singer scared off his ex by going on all fours and sniffing her clothes whilst she slept? And the warbler got weirder with his ways. As well as cuddling her teddy bear and inviting his mum around to watch porn, he sent his former love some rather severe hate mail when they split. Such a charmer!



It's no laughing matter for Alex

THIS is one pose Alex Curran won't want to see as she is caught on camera shopping and cackling away.

It's a far cry from the usual svelte images we see of Liverpool and England football ace Steven Gerrard's foxy

fiancée. The 23-year-old blonde went on a supersonic shopping spree in Liverpool city centre and, as usual, appeared to have snapped up half her beloved shop Cricket.

Including a hat large enough to hide her shame...

QUICKIES...QUICKIES...QUICKIES...

DANIEL Craig hasn't got a licence to thrill when it comes to relationships.

The bland Bond, 38, is dating US film producer **Satsuki Mitchell**, 29, but his idea of a romance is as tempting as being eaten alive by piranhas. He said: "Romance is fine but it's not about expensive hotels and beautiful locations.

"A nice comfy sofa, a person you love and a cup of tea can be all you need." Yeah, if you're 90.

HOLLYWOOD rocker and funnyman **Jack Black** reckons his five-month-old son is not only the cutest celeb baby in Tinseltown – but the funniest too. Comedy King Jack, 37, says he has noticed

some of his talent has been passed down to his son Samuel.

He said: "He is very cute, but that's not important. He's super funny and his personality's filling out. He is a funny little guy."

JENNIFER Lopez, 37, has thrown the biggest diva strop of her career, after hearing she's being spoofed in an unsavoury new porn film.

It stars Lopez lookalike **Jasmine Byrne**, 21, as J.Ho – a sex-mad Latina. She admitted: "I jumped at the chance to do it. I hear she's not happy about it. But everyone knows she's classy. Look at her jewellery." Don't be fooled by the rocks that she's got...

Party girl Britney has a run-in with the cops

ANOTHER night on the tiles for **Britney Spears** and her new best friend **Paris Hilton**...and another drama as the blondes ended up running into the boys in blue.

The incident comes days after Britney was seen dancing minus her kecks with Paris at a Las Vegas club.

This time mum **Brittney**, 25, seemed, er, merry as she headed back to Paris's Hollywood home, once again nearly baring her bits. Then just moments after they got

inside, the police arrived telling them to turn their music down.

Our Stateside spy said: "After the cops turned up, Paris and Britney turned down the music and the officers left."

Meanwhile over in Miami, Brit's estranged husband **Kevin Federline**, 28, stumbled out of record producer **Scott Storch's** house at 6am with a bevy of women and was last seen heading to his flat on nearby Aqua Allison Island.

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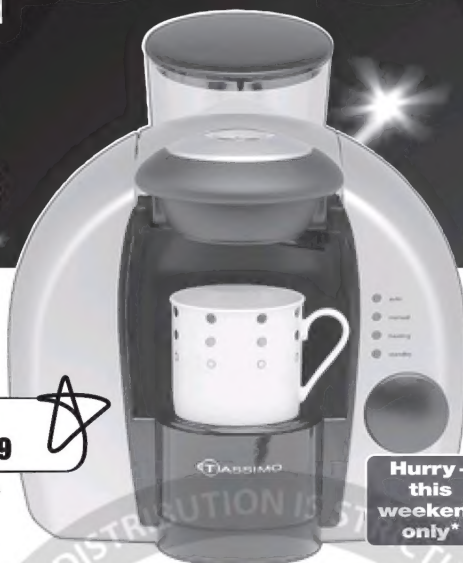
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HEIDI A KLUMY
MUMMY

GERMAN supermodel Heidi Klum and Brit singer Seal celebrated Thanksgiving in LA with the birth of a new son.

Seal, 43, who married Heidi, 33, last May, four months before the birth of their first son Henry, confirmed Johan's arrival on her website.

He wrote: "He is healthy, beautiful and looks just like his mother."



NEW ARRIVAL: Heidi

Sadie broke Law

COLD Mountain actor Jude Law is broke after his divorce from Sadie Frost.

Jude said: "I got divorced last year and haven't got any money. I'm renting my house and I'm trying to save up so I can buy it."

The 33-year-old - who recently split from on/off actress girlfriend Sienna Miller, 23, following his divorce from actress Sadie, 41 - also admits he has made bad career choices.

He said: "I haven't had a hit. They are all films I like but no-one else seems to."

BILLY'S HOUSE
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HOME-BIRD: Billy

HOLLYWOOD actor Billy Zane has revealed that since he met fiancée Kelly Brook he doesn't go out.

The 40-year-old Titanic star revealed: "I much prefer spending my evenings at home with my lady."

Billy, who recently bought a Kent farmhouse with the model, 27, can next be seen in Alien Agent, out next year.

Blonde's ambition

POP queen Jessica Simpson is baffled by reports that she's about to star in a remake of the movie Working Girl.

But fair-haired Jessica, 26, has landed the lead in Blonde Ambition - which has a similar theme.

She said: "It's about a small-town girl moving to New York and turning into a great businesswoman."

"I've never played a leading role before so it's going to be really nice to dive in and just kinda wrap my arms around it!"

Blonde Ambition will be out next year.

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HITS LEO

HOLLYWOOD star Leonardo DiCaprio has warned against buying dodgy diamonds.

Leo, 32, plays a mercenary in his new film Blood Diamond about deals for "conflict diamonds" in Sierra Leone which funded a bloody civil war and cost thousands of lives.

He said: "One way to end this is to make sure that you don't buy conflict diamonds."



WARNING: DiCaprio

OJ 'blood money'

OJ SIMPSON admits his controversial TV and book deal was nothing more than "blood money".

He reportedly got £1.8million for the deal in which he told how he "would have" killed ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman.

It created shockwaves when publisher Judith Regan said: "I consider this his confession." The book and show have since been scrapped.

OJ has rubbished her confession claim. He said: "Everyone's made money on me. It's all blood money and, unfortunately, I had to join the jackals."